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Mayor's Office
Toronto.

October 18th, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, Toronto University,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert:-

I beg to call your attention to the fact that tents have been erected on your University property for some months past, without a permit having been secured from the Civic authorities. Many of the men there have contracted the influenza which is prevalent at present as a result of being housed in such a manner in such a climate as this, and in such bad weather as we have had all Fall. I hope that you will take this matter up with the R. A. F. and have these tents removed forthwith. Complaints have been made to me by both the officials of the Building Department and the Health Department as to by-laws being broken, and we do not wish to summon the owners as well as the occupants, as I know these matters only need to be brought to your attention so that you may look into them. There have been many deaths at the Base Hospital and the parents are complaining that many of the boys contracted the dis-

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ease in the various tents where they are now being housed.

I am sure some additional accommodation can be provided somewhere for these mem where they can get more humane treatment, with such a terrible epidemic prevailing.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

T. L. Church

Mayor.

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October 19th, 1918

His Worship

Mayor Church,

Toronto.

Dear Mayor Church:

On receiving your letter yesterday I at once got into communication with Lt.-Colonel Cruickshank and asked him to report to you concerning the erection of the tents for the R.A.F. on our back lawn. He informed me that shortly afterwards General Howse had an interview with yourself and I hope that he explained the situation.

Colonel Cruickshank also told me that according to their statistics only 14% of the cases of influenza came from men in the tents, and 2% from those in the residences. I am also informed that two of the University Residences had been set aside as Hospitals. I do not know what further steps I can take in the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

THOMAS L. CHURCH
MAYOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE
TORONTO

October 19th, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert;-

I have your letter regarding the tents erected on your property by the Royal Air Force, and the present Influenza Epidemic. Lieut. Col. Cruickshank phoned this morning that he was coming in to see us regarding the matter. I regret, owing to the fact that two residences have been set aside as hospitals, that they have been unable to take them indoors. They assure me, however, that this will be done shortly. I know the University are to be highly commended for having given over these buildings. The loss of life has been deplorable and the relatives have been complaining to the civil authorities in the matter. Col Cruickshank has spoken to me about the matter & has asked for a warrant for a warrant-

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

T. L. Church

Mayor.

October 22nd, 1914

His Worship,

Mayor Church,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Church:

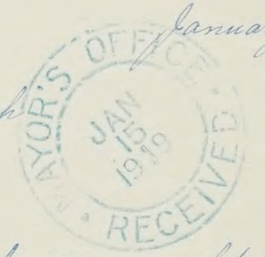
You may possibly have seen in the newspapers that there is to be a visit by delegates from the British Universities to the Universities of this continent and they will be at the University on Sunday, November 8rd and Monday, November 4th. We expect that there will be ten in the party. As this is a very distinguished group of ladies and gentlemen from England perhaps the City would like to take some interest in their visit. I shall be glad to confer with you on the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

1277 Davenport Rd 93
City
January 15th - 1919.



Mr. J.L Church

Sir:-

I wish you would advise me as to the possibility of your worship using your influence in making it possible for returned men to attend lectures given by the faculty of music at the univereity.

The fees are rather high for men of my position.

Would your worship try and make it possible for us to receive these lectures at half fee?

Yours Truly

E. Clarke.

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THOMAS L. CHURCH
MAYOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE

TORONTO

January 16th, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, Toronto University,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert:-

I forward herewith letter from E. Clark, 1277 Davenport Road, asking if it is possible to have the fee charged returned soldiers who attend the Lectures given by the Faculty of Music in connection with the University, reduced.

Will you kindly give this matter your consideration.

Yours very truly,

T. L. Church

Mayor.

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January 17th, 1919.

His Worship
Mayor Gauron,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The University has been unable to grant remission of fees to returned soldiers. It would have involved us in enormous expense, and I believe that the Government at Ottawa is likely to take the matter up; at least we have urged the matter upon them. The fees for the lectures in music are as low as we could make them. If Mr. Clarke will call at my office some day I think I can make arrangements for himself so that he will be allowed to enter the lectures without fee. This of course could not be known as a general rule as we might get ourselves in difficulties with many others.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President

February 6th, 1919

His Worship,

Mayor Church,

City Hall, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have to thank you for your invitation to be present at a meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Thursday afternoon at half past three, which is called for the purpose of hearing from General Gunn some proposals as to the solution of the employment problems in regard to returned soldiers. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to be present and I am much interested in the problem, but unfortunately owing to two other committees at which I must preside it will be impossible for me to be with you. If, however, I can be of any service to you afterwards I shall be glad to do what is in my power.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 17th, 1919

Major General Sutherland, C.B.E.,
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear General:

Many thanks for your letter which is very satisfactory. Will you have the Committee called some time soon, and in doing so would you like us to have the university members summoned ? If so, I would ask Professor Mackenzie to come instead of Professor Hunter, as at present Professor Hunter is not doing any special research for this fund.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 8th, 1915

His Worship,
Mayor Church,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The natural course for Mr. Boyd if he wishes the University to consider his case is to apply directly to the University. We have always tried to do the best we can for soldiers but we expect they be come direct to us. Of course I can make no promise until we have looked into the case, and we endeavour to represent that we think will be for the student's good in the long run.

Yours sincerely,

President.